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**From:** Erika Berglund <erikafairb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:07 PM  
**To:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site  
**Subject:** FPAB Letter of Support  
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Dear Missoula City Council,

Please find a letter of support for the request to approve the donation of the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery conservation easement and associated expenditure of Open Space Bond funds on behalf of the Missoula City-County Food Policy Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Erika Berglund  
Chair of Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board



March 6, 2023

Re: Ten Spoon Conservation Easement Resolution

From: Missoula City-County Food Policy Advisory Board

Members: Jody Wills, Bart Morris, Scott Billadeau, Lori Blumenthal (County Commissioner appointees); Erika Berglund (Mayor appointed); Rebecca Elderkin, Claire Battaglia, Grant Melton (City Council appointees); Jennifer Zaso (Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) representative)

Dear Missoula City Council,

The Missoula City-County Food Policy Advisory Board (FPAB) is writing this letter to express support for the proposed resolution for the City of Missoula to accept a donated conservation easement of the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery Property.

The Board believes that this is a unique opportunity that would preserve both the open space and agricultural integrity of the 21.5 acre property in perpetuity. Given the generosity of the property owners and the proposed addition for a public pedestrian walkway easement, FPAB believes that the proposed expenditure of \$40,000 of Open Space Bond funds is appropriate and in keeping with the original intent of the Open Space Bond. Further, this action aligns with the charge of FPAB, namely, to preserve Missoula's agricultural lands and conserve water and soil resources.

It is the belief of MFPAB that accepting the conservation easement and approving the Open Space Bond expenditure will provide considerable public value while ensuring that vital habitat and agricultural lands are kept intact and undeveloped. This is an exciting opportunity for public-private collaboration in service of Missoula's sustainability, climate resiliency, and agricultural values and goals.

FPAB recommends that the Missoula City Council approve the resolution to accept the donated conservation easement of the Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery Property.

Sincerely,

Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board